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## Cricket Attack Leaves Torrance Folks Bugeyed

If your home was invaded by a battalion of saltatorial orthopterid Gryllidae, would you call a cop, fall in a faint, or reach for the Flit? Torrance merchants want to know, for in the past few days this city has been encircled, pincer fashion, and right now the enemy is within the gates, mopping up on valuable papers, rayon goods and other materials.

When B. J. Scott of the Torrance Electric shop returned last Saturday from a hunting trip, he reached into his file cabinet for some papers and out jumped a hundred or more of an armored division, black and beetle-like, and advanced to the charge. Scotty leaped for his trusty deer gun, but in the face of the hoard saw he was outnumbered and beat a retreat.

Since then by strategy, poison gas, and direct bombing raids, Scotty has fought a brave battle, and has succeeded in exterminating many and has forced others to take out for other fields. Around the corner on Sartori, Baker Smith stood rooted to the floor while the army ate up the rayon padding of his display window. The National Home Appliance Co., has been invaded and companies of the S. O. G. have marched across the street from Scotty's place to besiege the Torrance Plumbing company where Mrs. Addie Parks stands on a chair and faintly murmurs "Shoo!"

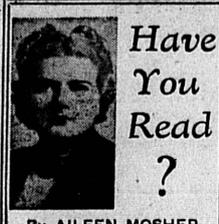
Long Beach reports thousands of the S. O. G. on the march, and other communities all over the Southland are lustily calling for help to combat the plague. The market is being combed for competent burglars who will suggest a means for immediate extermination of the black monsters.

Jeemey crickets! They're CRICKETS!

### Eight Patients Enter Hospital

Eight new residents entered Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week, including Donald Bishop, 16, son of Cecil Bishop, 107 No. Lucia, Redondo Beach, on Aug. 15 for surgery; Carol Creech, age 7, of Hermosa Beach, underwent a tonsillectomy on Aug. 15; Mrs. Harriet Coffin, wife of Raymond Coffin of the city water department entered Aug. 14 for medical treatment; Robert Carter, 16, of 1001 8th Place, Hermosa Beach, entered Aug. 17 for surgery; Mrs. Margaret Fox, 5310 Fifth ave., Los Angeles, surgery on Aug. 17; Miss Kathleen Murphy, 208 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, for surgery Aug. 19; Mrs. Nellie Seberg, 1517 1/2 14th street, Gardena, for surgery Aug. 16; Robert E. Smith, 115 Ruby, Redondo Beach, for surgery Aug. 18.

**LAS VEGAS BOOMING**  
Not since the building of the Boulder dam has Las Vegas, Nevada resumed the "boom town spirit" as today when they are building the new \$4,000,000 gunnery school and projected \$16,000,000 magnesium plant.



### Have You Read?

By AILEEN MOSHER

### "THE CORPSE COMES ASHORE"

By John Mersereau  
I found this title, "The Corpse Comes Ashore," extremely intriguing. Also I found the story an entertaining mystery that held my attention closely. It didn't seem important to Captain York what the delay was in unloading his cargo, as long as the delay was not too long. However, it wasn't long before he realized that his cargo was surrounded by death. Two ambitious men, and a captain who only wants to clear the whole case up so he can cruise on to richer ports, clash in this surprising story.

What was the connection of Dr. Lucas? Is the most innocently appearing character in this story the villain, as is usually the case? How about Herman who seemed guiltless but knew so much? What aroused the suspicion of Carol Chandler? What was the basis for her accusations? Why did Captain York doubt the alibi of her father, Harry Chandler? Questions such as these I could list for many pages. The potential revenge of one man, the greed of another, the ambition of a third, restlessness, rush, and stupidity of others, all form the backbone of the male interest. The fear of one woman, the suspicion of another, and the thoughtlessness of others compose the woman's interest. All this and the atmosphere of a tropical port, the magic of the nights, the romance of flying in the land of exotic beauty, and the attraction of a man and a woman comprise the fascinating scene where "The Corpse Comes Ashore."

When Captain York and others decided to visit the mine in the backcountry, they found a very interesting situation, and an invaluable clue to the mysterious murder, or I should say murders. I feel that I should warn you, I don't think you should read this book unless you first begin, don't quit too easily. When you find yourself involved in John Mersereau's story, you'll find all excuses imaginable to continue without interruption to the very end.

### Petty Thievery Breaks Out Again

Another epidemic of petty theft involving auto accessories has been raging in Torrance during the past week. Kenneth Hedge, 1607 216th st., reported to the police the loss of a set of ripple disks on the night of August 15. Ben H. Smith, 1507 Cedar ave., lost a pair of sealed beam General Electric fog lights, and J. H. Burchett, 1504 Post avenue, lost a set of beauty rins from his Plymouth car. Earlier in the week, Harold Massie, 1318 Ingracia, lost a set of torpedo type fender pants, while he was attending the movies in Hollywood.

### Divergent View

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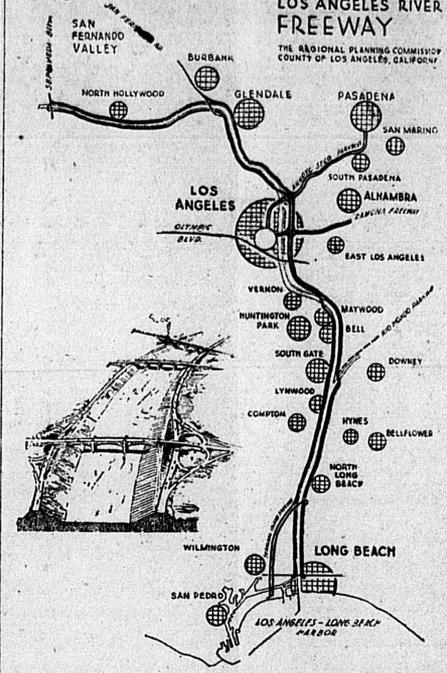
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### Brother's Cash Lost From Locker

Howard Bragg, 2311 Stoughton Lane, Redondo Beach, reported to the city police that \$225 in cash disappeared from his wallet while he was at work in a local industry plant last Friday. Bragg had placed his coat, with the cash which he belonged to his brother, in his locker, but when he went to retrieve his belongings the cash was gone, wallet and coat in place.

## Proposed New Freeway Mapped



Above sketch shows proposed 40-mile Los Angeles River Freeway, sponsored by Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough, with highway construction on top levee and outside river channel, so that flow of storm waters will not be impeded. Inset is engineer's drawing of highway on county-owned right-of-way and shows an approach of Freeway to existing permanent bridges that span Los Angeles river.

### Harbor Freeway Is Discussed At L. A. Hearing

Discussion of the freeway proposed by County Supervisor Gordon McDonough to connect the San Fernando Valley and downtown Los Angeles with the Harbor Freeway, was the principal topic at a hearing before the Los Angeles City Planning Commission this week. Members of the Los Angeles City Council's public works and State and county affairs committees attended the public hearing which will be resumed next Monday.

County Supervisor Gordon McDonough submitted his plan for a 40-mile freeway on the banks of the Los Angeles river, from Sepulveda Blvd., to the Terminal Island or Long Beach area, and was questioned at length by the committees.

Army engineers had approved the plan, he said, although they had disapproved another plan for using the flood control floor for such a purpose. This route, he said, would be the most feasible for early action because rights of way already are held largely by the county flood control sufficient for a one-way four-lane road on each side.

Thomas Humphreys, representing the San Fernando Voters' League, favored the Los Angeles river route for a freeway.

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### Baby Tapping

Baby tapping, a procedure in which a needle is inserted into the umbilical vein of a newborn baby to draw blood for testing, was performed on a baby born to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Cato, Jr., 2418 Sonoma ave., at 6:10 p.m. August 18 at the Torrance Memorial hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and is their first child. The mother is the former Neva L. Newell and the father is employed in the field shop at the National Supply Co. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Cato, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Ansen and Mrs. Doris Taylor.

### Baby Elsering

Baby Elsering, a son born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Elsering of Torrance on August 18, at Bixby Knolls Maternity Hospital, Long Beach.

## "Music for the Masses" Aim Of P. V. Symphony Orchestra

Community projects of one sort or another have a way of starting on a wave of enthusiasm. As frequently they have a way of fizzling out in ignominious collapse.

Not so a South Bay organization of which we all have reason to be particularly proud, the Palos Verdes Symphony. The symphony has worked together beautifully for two years, and it is still growing. Membership is amateur, with all of the South Bay cities represented. The organization is of such note, however, that it draws applicants and members from Los Angeles, and Santa Monica, and Compton as well as Torrance, Lomita and other nearby communities.

Frequently surprises occur within the membership. A violinist who has been playing in the back row modestly steps forward and plays a concerto like Elman. Or two of the members at once turn up with new scores, and the symphony examines itself to find that it is riddled with composers.

Sixty-five strong, members are making a success of a major project for such a community as this, mainly by the estimable process of hard work. Probably their conductor, Josef Piastro, deserves the lion's share of credit for the symphony's success. Maestro Piastro is quite a bit more than a local music teacher. He has studied with and under the famous in the musical world, and he has probably as wide and complete a music background as any dozen nationally known musicians you could name.

Piastro himself is nationally known, and it is just a piece of incredible good fortune for local citizens that he should choose to give so freely of his talent and enthusiasm to organizing a local aggregation. As a matter of fact, under his leadership members of the symphony have access to the finest sort of criticism and training. Under his baton they are taking advanced music courses which would simply not be available to them anywhere else in Southern California.

The fact that members are aware of their good luck in having Piastro for director, explains largely why the symphony is such a smooth working, competent body. It is only human to respond to such leadership. Those of you who practice listening to national broadcasts of symphony music have heard a popular commentator repeatedly plead for "music for the masses." Over and over again he has stressed the importance of making fine music available to the public at large, through popularly supported local organizations, playing within limits, perhaps, but playing well. That is exactly what the Palos Verdes symphony is trying to do for people of the South Bay. If you have listened to our local symphony, you will agree that they are succeeding.

To an organization that is the finest sort of credit to the South Bay, to Maestro Piastro for his valuable leadership, and to symphony members who rehearse on each Monday night for the love of good music, we know you will join us in giving thanks. We'll be listening, Palos Verdes symphony, at your October concert.

### Townsend Club Activities

By BETH PAIGE  
Friday evening brings our Social night and dance; luncheon will begin at 7, playing 'til 9; prizes will be awarded; refreshments will be hot biscuits, plenty of honey, and coffee. A four piece orchestra will provide the music for dancing, and old-fashioned square dances will be featured. The public is cordially invited. August 29 is the date set for the combined birthday party of July, August and September for our members. Be sure to consult this newspaper for news of attractive events coming up in September. Owing to the fact that until Friday last there has been no business meeting to consider reports, the long awaited report from this Club's voting delegate to the Buffalo convention, was read at that time and pleasingly commented upon. We were greatly pleased that such a good sized audience was present. Many new faces were noted, among them, Mrs. Cora Hill, president of her Club in Kansas City, Mo., who reported that her members are mostly young people.

### Battery Complaint

On complaint of Miss Bonice Arnold, 25, residing at 1318 W. 23rd street, Los Angeles, a warrant was issued by Torrance police against one Joe Yates and placed in the hands of Los Angeles officers to serve. The warrant alleges assault and battery, which took place at 6:40 a. m., on August 17 in the vicinity of 190th street and Western ave.

### Highest Temperature Recorded

In the United States was 134 degrees at Death Valley, July 10, 1913, department of commerce records show.

## Births and Deaths For Torrance Now Correctly Figured

Figures for births and deaths for Torrance corrected to residence of the mother of the newborn or of the decedent, are for the first time now available, reports County Health Officer, Dr. Wilton L. Halverson.

Through cooperation of the various health departments in the County, birth and death statistics for the year 1940 have been compiled according to residence as well as according to place of occurrence. In this manner the figures give a true picture of the situation for the community, rather than merely including births and deaths which occurred within that particular area.

While 405 births occurred in Torrance during 1940, there were actually only 161 children born to parents living in this community. Whereas 109 deaths occurred in Torrance during the same calendar year, in reality only 66 residents of the community passed away.

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